UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Amount spent over in Grow More Food Scheme

Q.—22. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount they have spent and intend providing in future over the grow more food scheme during the National Emergency period;

(*b*) the steps that Government have taken so far to help the ryots in this behalf?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Several Schemes to promote production of more food have been put into operation in the III Plan. The amount expended during 1961-62 and 1962-63 and proposed to be spent during 1963-64 against the Schemes is given below. It is not possible to say how long the emergency would last and forecast the additional expenditure during the emergency. However, it is proposed to intensify the efforts to reach increased targets during the coming year.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme No. as per Plan Book	Name of the Scheme	1961-62 Expenditure.	1962-63 Expenditure.	Proposed outlay for 1963-64
		LAND RECLAMATION AND SETTLEMENT			
1	1	Tractor and bulldozer organisation	18.836	13.39	11.700
2	2	Colonisation of distressed and backward classes.	...	1.90	0.050
			18.836	13.42	11.750
		SUPPLY SCHEMES.			
3	3	Supply of new tractors and agricultural implements on hire purchase system.	5.993	10.370	2.700
4	4	Installation, servicing and repairs to oil engine pumpsets and other agricultural machinery.	0.915	0.240	0.440
5	5	Development of local manurial resources.	3.640	2.770	3.250

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6	6	Distribution of fertilisers ...	0.165	0.110	0.100
7	7	Setting up of seeds farms and distribution of improved seeds.	4.252	4.120	4.00
8	8	Comprehensive plant protection organisation.	9.294	7.88	7.00
9	9	Improved agricultural practices and supply of agricultural implements and crop competition schemes.	2.047	2.520	2.00
10	10	Intensive Agricultural District Programme.	2.754	9.09	18.00
11	11	Development of areas under major and medium irrigation projects.	0.883	2.58	3.800
			29.943	38.68	41.290
		MINOR IRRIGATION.	...		...
14	141	Construction of new wells ...	131.084	147.88	173.000
15	142	Sinking of bore wells ...	...	1.73	5.00
16	143	Supply of electrical pumpsets	0.438	32.08	20.00
17	144	Supply of diesel oil pumpsets		90.00	
18	145	Power supply to irrigation pumpsets ...	83.070	60.88	20.00
			214.592	332.67	220.00

In order to accelerate the Minor Irrigation programme, it is contemplated to increase the provision under the schemes, *viz.*, (i) Construction of irrigation wells, and (ii) issue of irrigation pumpsets during the III Plan period as detailed below.

	Original outlay (Rs. in lakhs)	Revised outlay proposed (Rs. in lakhs)
1 Irrigation wells ...	2.50	11.98
2 Issue of pumpsets on hire purchase system.	93.75	550.00

(b) The following food production schemes have been put into operation to render supplies and services to the agriculturists in helping them for stepping up food production.

(1) (a) *Tractor and Bulldozer Service*:—The Department of Agriculture has at present a fleet of 36 tractors and 52 bulldozers in working condition which are hired out to intending cultivators to help them in mechanised cultivation as well as reclamation of lands. Besides, new tractors are also being supplied to the land holders on hire purchase system to help them in owning their own tractors.

(b) *Reclamation of land by manual labour*:—Ryots of malnad areas are being given financial assistance by way of subsidy of not exceeding Rs. 0 (25 per cent of the total estimated cost) per acre, where reclamation by Bulldozer is not practicable.

(2) *Development of local manurial resources*:—This scheme aims at the exploitation of urban and rural wastes for preparation of compost. Special staff has been engaged to render technical advice to the local bodies as well as individual cultivators in the manufacture of compost on scientific lines. Loans and subsidies are also being given to the local bodies and ryots to help them in the manufacture and transport of compost respectively.

(3) *Fertilisers*:—The Department of Agriculture procures nitrogenous fertilisers like Ammonium Sulphate, Urea, Ammonium Sulphate, Nitrate and Calcium; Ammonium Nitrate from the Central Fertiliser Pool and makes them avaiable to the cultivators through the Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., Bangalore.

(4) *Setting up of seed farms and distribution of improved seeds*:—With a view to supplying improved varieties of seeds to the ryots the Department has already started so far 65 (56 durlng II Plan and 9 during III Plan) seed farms at various centres in the State and sufficient number of registered seed growers are also being fixed each for multiplication and further distribution of these seeds to the cultivators.

(5) *Plant protection*:—A comprehensive plant protection organisation has been put into operation for protecting the food and other crops from the ravages of pests and diseases.

(6) *Improved agricultural practices*:—The ryots are assisted in the adoption of J.P.C. and other improved agricultural practices by the special staff engaged for this purpose. Intensive propaganda and demonstrations are also being conducted by the Extension staff on campaign basis during Kharif and Rabi Seasons each year.

(7) *Intensive Agricultural District Programme*.—This scheme has been brought into operation in Mandya District for maximisation of agricultural production by the adoption of all recommended agricultural practices. The ryots are being provided with necessary finance and other materials required for the purpose.

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(8) *Minor Irrigation Programme*—(i) *Sinking of new wells.*—Financial assistance up to a limit of Rs. 3,000 per well (Rs. 2,500 loan and Rs. 500 to be treated as subsidy) is being given to the ryots.

(ii) *Sinking of borewells.*—The scheme has recently been sanctioned by Government and the Department has been taking action to procure well boring rigs with the help of the Government of India. The intending ryots will be supplied with well boring equipment at reasonable rates when the scheme is brought into operation.

(9) *Supply of electrical and diesel oil pumpsets on hire purchase system.*—Ryots are being provided with electrical and diesel oil pumpsets on hire purchase system to help them in improving irrigation facilities. In view of the present national emergency the State Government have also provided an additional sum of Rs. 1 crore to enable distribution of 5,000 more irrigation pumpsets before the end of March 1963.

(10) *Power supply to irrigation pumpsets.*—Power supply is being extended under this programme to irrigation pumpsets to help the ryots in stepping up agricultural production. It is also contemplated to increase the financial provision under minor irrigation programmes during remaining years of the III Plan period with a view to help cultivators.

(11) *Soil conservation.*—Contour bunding has been taken up with a target of 2.70 lakhs acres for the III Plan period. In view of the present emergency for stepping up food production, it is contemplated to increase the financial provision during the remaining three years of the III Plan programme.

Agricultural Colonies in the State

Q.—27. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and names of Agricultural Colonies in the State;

(*b*) the number of Colonies where dwelling quarters and drinking water wells have been provided to the Colonies;

(*c*) the names of the Colonies where dwelling quarters and drinking water wells are yet to be provided ?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) There is only one Colony. The name is Marchonahalli Agricultural Colony, Amruthur Hobli, Tumkur District.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Does not arise.